
Zerlina Smith- Members

FOR COOK COUNTY BOARD
1ST DISTRICT

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It's official, Zerlina Smith-Members (D) Candidate for Cook County Commissioner in the 1st District, will remain on the ballot. After countless attempts to have Smith-Members removed from the ballot under the old "Pattern of Fraud" claims used by "Machine Political Insiders" to diminish the democratic process and abuse Illinois Board of Elections powers. The challenger, Latrice Whitfield of Oak Park and a Chicago Public School Teacher, was the face the Chicago Teachers Union used to play dirty politics. Had the Chicago Teachers Union won, their union employee and appointed Cook County Commissioner, Tara Stamps would go unchallenged. Tara Stamps was appointed after former CTU employee, Brandon Johnson was elected Mayor. Mayor Johnson wouldn't have won his election without CTU support.

In a statement, "I'm not going anywhere; I'm not afraid of them" said Smith-Members to a room full of volunteers that door knocked recently. "Our community deserves to be an economically viable community filled with homeowners and thriving businesses" she went on to say.

Smith-Members, a long time 29th Ward resident, community activist, wife and Mom is giving the 1st District of Cook County a choice. Smith-Members is also a supporter of School Choice and now the defunct Invest in Kids Act that will displace 40,000 low income students. Smith-Members believes CTU doesn't welcome school choice or parents' rights, even though CTU President, Stacy-Davis Gates sends her son to private school.